

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

I. M. RICE EDITOR

\$1.00 Per Year in Advance

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

Entered at the Post-office at Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, as Second-class matter.

This paper will be mailed regularly to its subscribers until a definite order to discontinue is received and all arrears are paid in full.

FUSION TICKET.

For President—W. J. BRYAN. or Vice-President—ADLAI E. STEVENSON

State.

For Governor—W. A. POYNTER, Boone. For Lieut. Governor—E. A. GILBERT, York. For Secretary of State—C. V. SVOBODA, Howard. For Treasurer—S. H. HOWARD, Holt. For Auditor—THEODORE GRIESS, Clay. For Attorney-General—W. D. OLDHAM, Buffalo.

For Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings—F. J. CARRY, Saunders. For Superintendent of Public Instruction—C. I. BECK, Burr.

For Presidential Electors: FRANK T. BANSOM, Silver Republican, Douglas. ROBERT OBERFELDER, Democrat, Cheyenne. L. S. WENGE, Democrat, Lancaster. JAMES HUGHES, Democrat, Colfax. JOHN H. FELBER, Populist, Cedar. WILLIAM H. GABRETT, Populist, Phelps. W. G. SWAN, Populist, Johnson. PETER EBBESON, Populist, Howard.

Congressional.

For Member of Congress sixth District: W. M. NEVILL, North Platte.

Senatorial.

For State Senator, Fourteenth District: W. F. HAYWARD.

County Ticket.

For County Attorney—A. M. MORRISSEY. For Commissioner of First District: W. E. HALL. For Commissioner of Third District: ANDREW P. MADSEN.

ROOSEVELT SLANDERS GOVERNOR POYNTER.

It is quite evident that the "man who licked Spain" indulged freely in abuse of Gov. Poynter during his trip through Nebraska. We publish below a clipping from the Lincoln Daily Post, Oct. 3, 1900:

"The governor is just in receipt of the following letter:

"Wilber, Nebr., Oct. 1st, 1900.—Hon. W. A. Poynter, Lincoln, Nebr.

"Dear Governor—in a ten-minute speech this day delivered by Tedd Roosevelt, candidate for vice president on the Republican ticket, in the Wilber Opera house, said:

"Your Governor, chief executive of the State of Nebraska, says that a hire-butcher at fifteen dollars per month, etc. The Governor's friends here brand it as a lie, and if it is a lie I want you to brand it while Roosevelt is in curstate.

"But a small crowd heard the speaker, not 25 persons outside of the village were in attendance, and the opinion here is that he made votes for our cause. His talk was against Governor Poynter alone, and he did not utter a word on the national issues—a tirade of abuse against 'Poynter.'

Respectfully yours,

S. S. ALLEY.

To which the Governor replied as follows—

"Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 2, 1900.

"Mr. S. S. Alley, Wilber, Nebr.—

"Dear Sir—In reply to your favor of the 1st I desire to state that if Governor Roosevelt has made the statements quoted by you he has spoken an unmitigated and unwarranted falsehood.

"I have not only never made any such statement nor any that could be so construed but I should denounce such statements in the strongest terms were they to be repeated in my presence or come to my attention as having been made by any citizen of the United States, and I will thank you to convey this information to any persons in your village who may have heard these statements. Very truly yours,

W. A. POYNTER, Governor."

It is hardly necessary for Gov. Poynter to reply to Roosevelt as his patriotic message to the last legislature is sufficient refutation of such a declaration as the Mad Campaigner from New York makes at Wilber. Here is what he says: "No one has a higher regard for the bravery and gallantry of our brave soldiers in the faraway Philippines than I. No encomiums that can be spoken for them would exceed the bounds of propriety. The state of Nebraska is and has a just right to be proud of the First Nebraska Volunteers. We acknowledge with gratitude and joy the debt the state owes them by reason of the honor conferred upon it by their valor. We pledge the honor of the state that to the living shall be accorded worthy distinction and to the dead all that can be given to the dead—a fitting memorial to their fame."

Rice writes Insurance.

A DENIAL.

Valentine, Nebr., October 10, 1900. Editor VALENTINE DEMOCRAT.

Dear Sir—It having been alleged that I made the statement: "I do not deny but what I would rather be fighting today with Aguinaldo than with McKinley," I desire, through your paper, to say that I never made the statement.

When the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana Harbor, I locked my office, went out and helped to organize Company H of the Second Nebraska Volunteers, enlisted in that company and nominated for its first lieutenant a man whom President McKinley has since commissioned a captain and who is today on the firing line in the Philippines. And had I been able to have passed the physical examination, I would have gone to the front with that regiment. These facts are well known to many of our citizens, out, if there are those who doubt, I refer them to the records in the office of the adjutant general, or to Capt. Allen J. Fisher, of Chadron, who was captain of the company and is now the republican candidate for re-election to the legislature.

We are nearly through my second canvass for the office of county attorney, and I submit that in neither canvass have I resorted to detraction of any opponent; that I have never uttered a word of criticism of their public records or their private lives; others may employ that method of campaign if they see fit, but for my part I shall not resort to it. Nor do I hold Judge Tucker responsible for this attack upon me. But perhaps I may add that the gentlemen who are now so ready to question my loyalty were not so quick to enlist when a call for volunteers was made.

Yours respectfully,

A. M. MORRISSEY.

DISSENSION AMONG NOMINEES.

J. K. VAN BOSKIRK, nominee on the republican ticket for state senator, threatens to withdraw. He sets up the claim that D. E. Thompson of Lincoln is not putting up as much money for his campaign as he has to Fisher, candidate for representative in the 33d district. If Vanboskirk has the candid interest so much at heart what difference should that make.

Some of our republican brethren look exceptions to the comments made in our last issue upon the visit of the egotistical wise man who licked Spain. Our deep regret that more people were not here to see him, hear him, and judge for themselves, prompts us to make the assertion that if he could be prevailed upon to spend the remainder of the time between now and election in Nebraska, we could safely rely upon having Bryan and Stevenson the largest majority any fusion candidate has heretofore received in our state. But we want the people of other states to see and hear him. We fear that Mark Hanna will call him in. If he does not we will know that he is not wanted in New York where they are already disgusted with his egotism, short-sighted remarks and entangled sentences.

The vice president's duties in presiding over the senate require the ability of our best men. Could there be anything more disgusting to our people than to have those grimaces so common to the uncultured appear before that august body of the grandest nation on earth? In the language of Adlai E. Stevenson, as he closed his speech at Lincoln on the State house grounds in July, with bared head and uplifted hands: "We trust God to bring success to the party this fall that represents the cause of humanity."

Triumphant wave of prosperity! Catamen are now feeling it. Highest grade feeders sold in Omaha on Monday at \$3.75.

VOTERS!

The Democratic and People's Independent voters of the different precincts of Cherry county, Nebr., are called to meet at their respective voting places to nominate precinct officers on Friday afternoon, October 19, 1900, unless otherwise called by your precinct committee.

I. M. RICE,

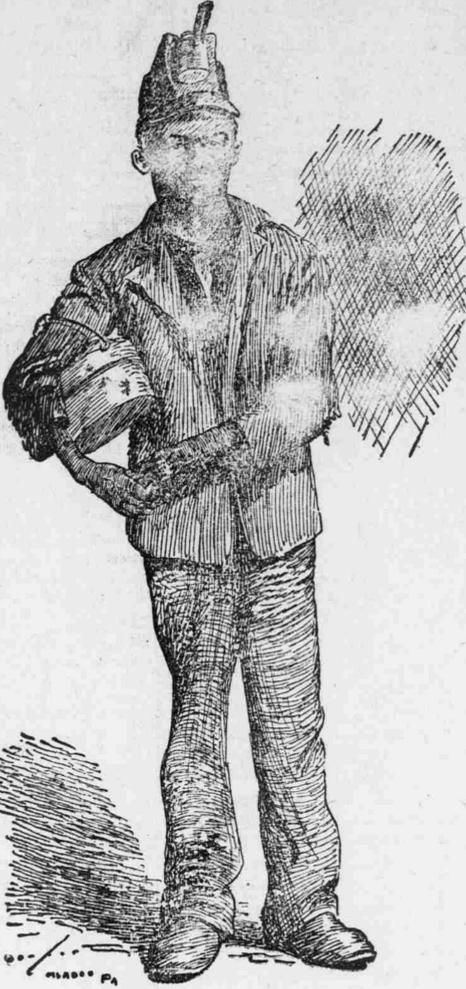
Chairman Democratic County Central Committee.

Certificates of nomination of your precinct candidates should be sent to the county clerk so as to reach him not later than October 24, 1900.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver, of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. guaranteed, at Elnolt's.

A DINNER PAIL THAT IS NOT TOO FULL.



This young man gets up at 4:30 so as to be at work at 6. He works ten hours for 72 cents, which he must spend at the "company store." Drawn on the spot by Davenport. —New York Journal.

THE ELECTION OF M'KINLEY. REASONS FOR VOTING FOR BRYAN.

Submitted to the Consideration of Republicans by Colonel Higginson.

First.—Because he has proved himself to be, whatever his faults, a natural leader of men, as a president should be. Mr. McKinley, on the other hand, has shown himself to be one of the men naturally led by others and has proved himself capable of abandoning ground explicitly and publicly taken when called upon to abandon it by the stronger men around him. In other words, Mr. Bryan will at least be captain of his own ship, and Mr. McKinley will not.

Second.—Because Mr. Bryan is the only presidential candidate who has explicitly based his canvass on the ground that considerations of principle are above considerations of finance and that, in other words, "financial systems can be altered with less danger and less disturbance to the country than the vital doctrines upon which free government rests." (Speech at Topeka, Aug. 23.)

Third.—Because he is the only one who has expressly reaffirmed, as in his Topeka speech, the principles which made Lincoln immortal, that to apply the doctrine of equal rights only to superior classes or races is "the vanguard of returning despotism" and is a movement we must repulse "or it will subjugate us."

Fourth.—Because he has had the wisdom to see that every presidential campaign must turn on some one leading principle and that just now that vital issue is to be found in imperialism. By imperialism is meant the acquisition of territory with a view to making it subject and tributary and not with a view to making it a self governing and component part of the American Union. That such empire is now the recognized aim of the present administration is at length officially recognized in the recent circular of the United States military government in the Philippines (April 30) which writes to American school superintendents for aid and advice "in the civilization of this new part of our empire."

Fifth.—Because he is the only one who distinctly recognizes that the practice of such imperialism—of the doctrine, in other words, that we have a right to plant our flag wherever we please and that once planted it must never be lowered or withdrawn—applies just as logically to Cuba or China as to the Philippines and is as likely to be applied there and that this process if unchecked can only end in vaster armies, ever increasing pension lists, higher and higher taxes, ending at last in an oligarchy of rich men and in the disappearance of the republic of Jefferson and Lincoln. Every vote for Mr Bryan is a vote to avert this end.

THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON.

The Immediate Issue. Imperialism is at once the paramount and the immediate issue. Major McKinley, with all his shiftiness and all his smug hypocrisy, cannot dodge or obscure it. The flag is being trailed in the dust of his ignoble ambition, and the blood of our late allies, perfidiously betrayed, stains its folds.

Paying Dearly For Empire. Taxpayers in this country are already paying enormously for imperialism. They will pay still more heavily if the party of empire remains in power. They will never receive any benefit from this appalling tax. The benefit will accrue to the trusts and the monopoly millionaires who control the party of empire. The American people are already carrying gigantic trust burdens. Are they willing to shoulder those of imperialism and militarism in addition to what they now bear?—St. Louis Republic.

What Democracy is Fighting. Under Republican rule the era of competition has been supplanted by the era of combination. Massed capital dominates everywhere. The dollar dominates the man. The nonproducers' share in the wealth of the country has risen to 85 per cent, while the producer must be content with 15 per cent. Half of the people own 97 per cent of the national wealth, the other half can call but 3 per cent its own. It is against these conditions Democracy is waging war.

AN EMPEROR-PRESIDENT.

Anson Phelps Stokes Declares Government Cannot Long Last Under One.

Anson Phelps Stokes, a Gold Democrat, widely known in financial circles, declares against McKinley and imperialism. Mr. Stokes is a banker, and his wealth is estimated at \$90,000,000. He a few days ago sent the following letter to S. C. Hughes, chairman of the Greater New York Association of Anti-Imperialist Clubs:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of 30th ult. has been forwarded to me here. I consent to the use of my name as an honorary member of the Greater New York Association of Anti-Imperialist Clubs.

Anti-imperialism is certainly the paramount issue of this election. What would the patriots of 1776 have thought of the proposition that the currency question is more important than taxation without representation or government without the consent of the governed?

If we are to become a shark nation, let us at least go through the prescribed process of like a shark, turn over before we swallow our prey. The shark is preferable to the anaconda which hugs its victims and swallows it all over and then swallows it.

Those who truly appreciate our inheritance of liberty regulated by law should make the most effective protest against the attempt now made in the interests of great corporations and scheming politicians to disguise rapacity by the use of fine phrases about our blue ribbon code of morals for bidding to the examination as criminal aggression. The promises of independence modified when we secure control to mean benevolent assimilation or such insidious self government as may be consistent with our duties and interests or as we may think best for the governed, who must also in case we allow them a form of constitution make it provide for such relations with us as we may consider satisfactory, etc.

Our form of free government of the people, by the people and for the people cannot long endure under a president-emperor or an imperial president. Yours very truly,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES.

That the leaders of a great party should claim for any president or congress the right to treat millions of people as mere "possessions" and deal with them unrestrained by the constitution or the bill of rights shows how far we have already departed from the ancient landmarks and indicates what may be expected if this nation deliberately enters upon a career of empire.—W. J. Bryan.

The Income Tax.

I take this occasion to reassert my belief in the principle which underlies the income tax. Congress should have authority to levy and collect an income tax whenever necessary, and an amendment to the federal constitution specifically conferring such authority ought to be supported by even those who may think the tax unnecessary at this time. In the hour of danger the government can draft the citizen. It ought to be able to draft the pocket-book as well. Unless money is more precious than blood, we cannot afford to give greater protection to the incomes of the rich than to the lives of the poor.—William J. Bryan's Letter of Acceptance.

If this nation wants a colonial policy, it can have it. If this nation wants to own people, it can own them. It will have to change its constitution to do it, but we can change the constitution if necessary. I go on the theory that a man or people can do whatever they want to. They may lose their own liberties in the attempt, they may spend a great deal of money, they may sacrifice a great many lives, but if the American people can do what they want to; but when they do a thing they must recognize that in doing it they must assume responsibility for what they do. They cannot repeal the laws of God. They cannot change the laws of nature, nor can they prevent the coming of those penalties that will come with the violation of human rights, whether the violation comes from an individual or a group of individuals or a great nation.—W. J. Bryan.

More Potent Than Money.

One hundred thousand Democratic club members from every state in the Union will gather at Indianapolis Oct. 3 compare notes and return home to fight the fires of Jeffersonian principles upon every hilltop in the land. Democracy has no money wherewith to corrupt voters and debauch the ballot box but it has what is more potent than money—an army of 2,000,000 workers who can neither be stifled nor bought.

Hanna's Paramount Issue. Chairman Hanna apparently is experiencing great difficulty in drumming it into the heads of wealthy Republicans that the paramount issue is the size of their checks. Anaconda (Mon.) Standard.

In this campaign we are standing upon the great fundamental principles of human rights and human liberties. We insist that it is not a question of what this nation can do, it is a question of what this nation ought to do, and no president can tell the American people what their duty is. They decide for themselves. No president can tell us what our destiny is. It is what we make it, and it is in the hands of the American people we leave this great problem with the confident belief that patriotism and intelligence of the people will be equal to the emergency, as they have been equal to all emergencies in the past.—W. J. Bryan.

Coal Miners Unreasonable.

The coal miners of Pennsylvania are unreasonable. And they are lacking in courtesy when they decline to endorse Major McKinley's beautiful prosperity romance as gospel truth.

L. A. WHITE.

DRIFT IS DEMOCRATIC.

President McKinley Will Attempt to Stem the Tide.

TO REVIVE FRONT PORCH CAMPAIGN

Bothered by the Chinese Situation. "Prosperity" Shown Up by the Coal Strike—Whole Country is Aroused to the Dangers of Imperialism—Democracy's Prospects Very Bright.

(Special Washington Letter.)

President McKinley will return to Canton. A strong effort will be made to revive the front porch campaign. McKinley realizes that Bryan is making thousands of votes by his epigrammatic, clear cut and forceful speeches. The drift is plainly Democratic. Something must be done to stem the tide. President McKinley won't make any votes by his front porch speeches, because he will only talk to those already committed to his cause, but he will feel better to be busy. It is very harassing to attend to business at the White House and feel that the country is passing adverse judgment on the administration of the past four years.

When at Canton, the President can get his mind away from the Chinese situation. He can do the ostrich act and by hiding his head in the sand flatter himself into the belief that the country does not know what he is doing in China.

Already the Chinese expedition has cost the country over \$10,000,000, and for what? Our citizens were rescued several weeks ago. The troops are not to be withdrawn except to the coast, and McKinley hopes that a re-election will leave him free to take part in the partitioning of China. The people, however, understand this latest development of imperialism and militarism. The country is now threatened with a serious domestic disturbance. Something must be wrong with the full dinner pail when over 140,000 miners go on strike in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania.

The fact is that these men average about 90 cents a day and about four days' work in the week. For months they have been pleading with the operators for living wages. They have offered to submit their case to arbitration. The operators have refused their request.

The coal combination really doesn't care very much if the men do go on strike. The coal output this year approximates 50,000,000 tons. The production in August alone was 619,000 tons over the same month last year. The coal barons will simply put the price of coal up. They already announce an advance of \$1 a ton. So a strike really means millions in their pockets, because it gives them an excuse to squeeze the consumer.

It is a striking answer to the Republican "prosperity" argument that right in the midst of the campaign these thousands of miners should declare: "We might as well starve idle as working."

It is starvation for the men anyhow unless public sentiment can compel the coal operators to pay decent wages. The conditions in Pennsylvania are terrible. The public will be shocked to learn under what circumstances these men and their families have been dragging out an existence.

Hanna would have given a good big slice of his campaign fund to have deferred the strike until after election. But the operators are so secure in their monopoly that they would not make the slightest concession to the men. They callously told Hanna they believed his predictions of a few months ago that McKinley would be re-elected without trouble, and they really didn't see why a presidential election should interfere with their private affairs.

This attitude is an emphatic reminder that the trusts and combinations merely regard the administration as their tool. They do not propose to take advice from Hanna. They merely dictate their desires to him and expect to see them carried out.

It is well for the people to consider this strike and decide whether they can afford to have another four years of a trust controlled administration.

The prospects of Democratic success grow brighter every day. The conscience of the country is aroused. The Republican policy of sarcasm and evasion does not satisfy the voters. The facts as to the conduct of this administration cannot be concealed.

Imperialism persists in being a live issue in spite of Republican efforts to put the silver scare to the front. As Bryan said, a question like imperialism that affects the very foundations of government is much more important than some possible financial legislation which can be changed by any congress if not satisfactory to the people.

Now the Republicans are trying to make the people believe that the election of Bryan will immediately disturb the financial system of the country. They neglect to mention the very obvious fact that no matter if Bryan is elected and with him a Democratic house the present congress has still the short session in which to amend its gold standard bill in any manner it pleases.

They also neglect to point out that the senate cannot possibly get a Democratic majority until two years hence and not then unless the people prefer it. The whole Republican course is disingenuous and is losing McKinley votes that he sorely needs.

L. A. WHITE.

Coal Miners Unreasonable. The coal miners of Pennsylvania are unreasonable. And they are lacking in courtesy when they decline to endorse Major McKinley's beautiful prosperity romance as gospel truth.